

Pokagon State Park

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Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All Programs are Eastern Standard Time!
Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at
www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday December 1

- 10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) AH
- 1:00pm **Pokagon Toboggan Time Trials!** Bundle up, get a team, and head to our toboggan run for some fun and friendly competition! Teams will compete against the radar gun and speed display. Team divisions are: Men's Division, Women's Division, Family Team, and Best, Most Creatively Dressed Team! Entry into time trials is free with a regular \$10.00 per hour, per toboggan rental. Time Trial Rules available at the Warming Center and Nature Center. Join us!
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- 4:00pm



Sunday December 2

- 8:30am **Junco Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for Juncos and other snowbirds and winter wildlife. We'll be out for about an hour and a half. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet inside near the coffee machines. We'll still head outside for fresh air, so bundle up and join us! FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DH

Saturday December 8

- 9:00am **Trail Nine at Nine!** Put on your walking shoes for this one and gather at the Inn Main entrance from where we'll head up the entrance road, up Trail 3, then branch off to the east to do the loop of new Trail 9. We'll cover moderately rugged rolling, wooded hills. Total walk: 3 miles. FW
- 2:00pm **Squirreling Away for the Winter!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show 'n' tell session on Pokagon critters and what they are presently doing to prepare for the long winter ahead. AH

Sunday December 9

- 8:30am **A Brisk Bird Search!** See Sunday, December 2, at 8:30am for details. FW
- 1:00pm **Deer Data and Reduction Open House.** Monday and Tuesday will be our second of two, 2-day deer
to hunts to reduce the park's population. An open house is scheduled for the hunt participants to come in
5:00pm and get information and pick out their spots. The general public is also invited in to ask questions about deer biology and deer management. It all takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium.

Saturday December 15

- 10:30am **Winter Tree ID Spree!** Join us first in the Nature Center Auditorium for a quick look at tree identification in the winter (no leaves!), then we'll bundle up and head outside to try our skills on a few nearby trees. You'll get some paperwork to help you ID the trees in your own backyards. DH
- 2:00pm **Oh Deer!** Join us at the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on our white-tailed deer. We'll then head out onto the Nature Center Front Lawn for a quick game to show the significance of deer habitat and other aspects of deer biology. It's great fun for kids and the entire family! Join us! AH



Sunday December 16

- 8:30am **Early Morning, Mid December Stroll.** See Sunday, December 2 at 8:30am for details. AH
- 10:30am **Snakes Alive.** Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look at and feel of some of Pokagon's snake species that are now tucked away for the winter. Learn of their unique lifestyles and habitats. Being Sunday morning they will be given their biweekly meal, so you may have a chance to watch them feed and possibly help feed them yourself! DH

Saturday December 22

- 10:00am **Wetland Watching.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. We'll also investigate this unique area of our park as winter settles in. FW
- 2:00pm **Pokagon in the Winter – A Slide Show Tour.** It is the first day of winter! Come to the comforts of the Nature Center Auditorium and enjoy the snow-laden beauty of Pokagon as the next few months unfold.

Sunday December 23

- 8:30am **Fresh Air Jaunt.** See Sunday, December 2 at 8:30am for details. Bundle up and join us! AH
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Monday December 24

- 9:00am **Ninth Annual Christmas Eve Morning Trek.** You say you got the shopping done?! Great, now how about a hike through the park's interior to relax and enjoy the spirit of the season. Meet in the Inn Lobby for a hike back to the Spring Shelter, a fire and treats, and back to the Inn.. We'll go through beautiful pine forests and cut through a quiet campground. Join us for this annual tradition! FW

Wednesday December 26

- 11:00am **An American Boy – Tribute to our Pokagon Boys Camp.** Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium for a viewing of this half-hour movie following the life of a 12 year old boy growing up in Indiana in 1948. The filmmaker has vivid memories of our Pokagon Boys Camp and has paid a special tribute with this movie.
- 2:00pm **An American Boy – Tribute to our Pokagon Boys Camp.** See above.

Thursday December 27

- 9:00am **28th Annual Christmas Bird Count.** For serious birders, it's our annual, all-day, big event! Prior registration required. \$5.00 per person fee. Contact the Nature Center by December 25th 260-833-2012.

Friday December 28

- 1:00pm **Bird Banding Demonstration.** This afternoon at the Nature Center, guest interpretive naturalist John Schaust will band birds after first catching them in special nets set up in front of our feeding stations at the "Woodland Window." Come and stay for some or all of the banding. With the winter feeding stations in continuous action, we're ensured a "bird in the hand" the entire time!
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- 4:00pm

Saturday December 29

- 10:30am **Wetland Watching.** See Saturday, Dec. 22 for details. Come investigate the life in this special area. AH
- 2:00pm **Snow and Ice.** It is that time of year! Come to the warm comforts of the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion on what surrounds us in the winter. DH

Sunday December 30

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Monday December 31

Nature Center Open today, 10am to 5pm.



Nature Center School Season Hours:

Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm - Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm

Special Holiday Hours: Nature Center open Dec. 26 to Dec. 31, 10am to 5pm